

CONCORDIA



Feb. 20, 2001

Stingers

Stingers win QSSF, advance to women's hockey nationals

Centre Marie-Claude Allard scored goals at the 10:40 and 16:54 marks of the third period to lift the Concordia Stingers to a 4-2 victory over the McGill Martlets before 500 fans at Concordia's Ed Meagher Arena on Sunday afternoon. The win gives the Stingers their sixth straight QSSF championship and a fourth consecutive trip to the CIAU Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

Allard, a third-year player from Quebec City, scored the winner and the insurance goal. The other Concordia goal scorers were Caroline Ouellette and Kendra MacDonald. Lisa Herritt was the goaltender of record. She turned away 19 of 21 shots. Concordia out shot McGill 43-21.

The Stingers have won 17 Quebec championships in 21 years. Head coach Les Lawton, who has been behind the bench 18 seasons, has 14 titles to his credit.

Lawton and his team now prepare for the fourth annual CIAU Women's Ice Hockey Championship, which will be hosted by the University of Calgary. The tournament starts Thursday and wraps up with the gold medal game at 5 p.m. (local time) on Sunday. The preliminary games will be broadcast by Headline Sports – available in Montreal on satellite dishes only. The gold medal game will be aired coast-to-coast by both TSN and RDS.

Concordia is in a pool with the Regina Cougars (seeded 2nd) and the St. Francis Xavier X-Women (seeded 5th). The Stingers are the third seed. Regina and St. FX will face off Thursday at 5 p.m. Concordia will play the loser of that game Friday at 6 p.m. and the winner of the first game at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The other pool is comprised of the Toronto Varsity Blues (1st seed), the McGill Martlets (4th seed) and the Calgary Dinos (6th seed).

After round robin-play is complete, the top teams in each pool will advance to the gold medal game. The second-place teams will play for the bronze medal Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The last-place finishers compete for fifth place and face off at 9 a.m. Sunday.

The Stingers were ranked No. 4 in the CIAU for the majority of the season. They enter the championship as the third-seeded team. Concordia won the gold medal in both 1998 and 1999. Last year the team won the bronze medal. Concordia is the only CIAU team to win three medals at the national championships.

Pool A

Toronto (1)
McGill (4)
Calgary (6)

Pool B

Regina (2)
Concordia (3)
St. FX (5)

The Stingers departed for Calgary Tuesday morning. Best wishes can be passed on to head coach Les Lawton and the team at the Calgary Four Points Sheraton - fax (403) 288-4442. Media requests can be directed to Concordia's Julie Healy at (403) 288-4441, room 355. The tournament press officer is Jack Neumann at the University of Calgary (403) 220-3424.

Dream weekend gives Concordia 2nd place in men's hockey

The Concordia Stingers men's hockey team scored two key victories last weekend, upsetting the No. 2-ranked and undefeated UQTR Patriotes 4-1 in Trois-Rivières and doubling the Ottawa Gee-Gees 2-1, to secure second place in the OUA Far East Conference.

The victories, which came on the last weekend of the regular season, give Concordia home-ice advantage in the best-of-three conference semifinals with the McGill Redmen. While the Stingers accrued four points, the Redmen lost their last two games – to Ottawa and UQTR. Concordia finishes with a 10-9-5 record for 25 points, and McGill slips to a 10-11-3 record for 23 points.

The playoff dates and times are as follows:

Game 1	Wednesday, Feb. 21 - 8 p.m.	McGill at Concordia
Game 2	Friday, Feb. 23 - 7:30 p.m.	Concordia at McGill
Game 3	Sunday, Feb. 25 - 2 p.m.	McGill at Concordia (if necessary)

Concordia and McGill also met in the semifinals in February 2000. McGill won the series in two straight games with 6-4 and 4-2 victories. The Stingers last won the OUA Far East semifinal round in 1999, defeating the Ottawa Gee-Gees 3-1 and 6-3.

The winner of the semifinal will meet the Trois-Rivières Patriotes in a best-of-three championship series. The OUA Far East champion will advance to the Queen's Cup, a four-team playoff with the top three universities advancing to the nationals March 22-25 in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Lawton, Stingers earn QSSF hockey honors

Les Lawton, head coach of the Concordia women's hockey team, was one of six Stingers honored by the QSSF when the conference announced its major awards winners and all-stars last Sunday.

Lawton, who has been guiding the Stingers for 18 seasons, was named QSSF Coach of the Year. Under his tutelage, Concordia posted a 16-10-3 record, finishing first in the QSSF and winning its sixth straight conference title. Lawton, a Montreal native who has been dubbed the Dean of Women's Hockey by the local press, has compiled a career record of 459-139-56 for a winning percentage of .745 with the Stingers.

Roxanne Dupuis, a defender from St. Laurent, Que., was named the QSSF Rookie of the Year. "She's not a flashy defender," says Lawton. "Roxanne makes good decisions, she angles well, she's quick to loose pucks and her gap control is exceptional. She's a pleasure to work with and has a great future at the university level."

Captain **Lisa-Marie Breton**, the leading scorer in the QSSF with 14 points in six games, and centre **Marie-Claude Allard** were named to the conference's first all-star team. Breton, a left wing, was a unanimous selection as the top forward in the league. Goaltender **Lisa Herritt** and defender **Sue Kaye** were named to the QSSF second all-star team.

5 wrestlers qualify for CIAU championships

Five Concordia student-athletes are heading to Thunder Bay, Ont. and Lakehead University where they will compete in the 2001 CIAU Wrestling Championship March 2-3.

The wrestlers qualified by finishing in one of the top two spots in their weight classes at the Atlantic University Sports Wrestling Championship hosted by the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton last Friday.

On the women's side, Martine Dugrenier, 65 kg., and Tamara Medwidsky, 70 kg., both won their divisions. On the men's side, Jason Chen, 68 kg.; Chris Chung, 82 kg.; and Mark Roche, 90 kg.; all finished second in their classes.

Medwidsky was a gold medallist at the 2000 CIAUs, while Chen earned a silver medal and Dugrenier took home a bronze.

Concordia Athletes of the Week

Marie-Claude Allard of the women's hockey team and **Real Kitieu** of the men's basketball team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Feb. 18.

Allard, who is studying psychology, was instrumental in helping the Stingers win their sixth straight QSSF championship last Sunday. She scored the winning goal and the insurance goal to help Concordia down McGill 4-2 in the title game. The centre was also named to the QSSF first all-star team last week and was named QSSF Female Athlete of the Week for her efforts in Concordia's victory.

Kitieu, a centre, had one of the most impressive games of his university career in Concordia's 82-72 loss to the Toronto Varsity Blues on Sunday. He scored 23 points, added 22 rebounds and hauled in nine blocks. He was the leading scorer, rebounder and shot-blocker in the game. The previous day in a 62-60 victory over Ryerson, Kitieu collected 19 points, 17 rebounds and four blocks. The native of Douala, Cameroon is a fourth-year economics major.

Coming Events

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Men's Hockey

OUA Far East Best-of-Three Semifinals
Game 1 McGill @ Concordia 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Women's Hockey

CIAU All-Canadian Breakfast 11 a.m. (local time)

Friday, Feb. 23

Women's Hockey

CIAU National Championship in Calgary
Concordia vs. loser of Regina/St. FX 6 p.m. (local time)

Men's Hockey

OUA Far East Best-of-Three Semifinals
Game 2 Concordia @ McGill 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Concordia @ Laurentian 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Concordia @ Laurentian 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Women's Hockey

CIAU National Championship in Calgary
Concordia vs. winner of Regina/St. FX 2 p.m. (local time)

Women's Basketball

Concordia @ York 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Concordia @ York 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Women's Hockey

CIAU National Championship in Calgary
Concordia vs. TBA
Gold medal game (RDS/TSN) 5 p.m. (local time)
Bronze medal game (Headline Sports) 12:30 p.m. (local time)

Men's Basketball (19-12 overall, 12-8 in QSSF)

Feb. 17

Concordia Stingers 62
Real Kitieu

Ryerson Rams 60
19 points, 17 rebounds, 4 blocks

Feb. 18

Toronto Varsity Blues 82
Real Kitieu

Concordia Stingers 72
23 points, 22 rebounds, 9 blocks

Women's Basketball (12-16 overall, 8-10 in QSSF)

Feb. 17	Ryerson Rams 66 Marie-Pier Veilleux	Concordia Stingers 59 18 points, 6 rebounds
Feb. 18	Concordia Stingers 71 Kristina Steinfort	Concordia Stingers 67 16 points, 7 rebounds

Women's Hockey (16-10-3 overall, 6-1-1 in QSSF, No. 4 in CIAU)

Feb. 18	Concordia Stingers 4 M.C. Allard Caroline Ouellette Kendra MacDonald	McGill Martlets 2 2 goals 1 goal 1 goal
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Men's Hockey (12-12-5 overall, 10-9-5 in OUA)

Feb. 16	Concordia Stingers 2 Mathieu Fleury Geoff Comeau	Ottawa Gee-Gees 1 1 goal 1 goal
Feb. 17	Concordia Stingers 4 Mathieu Fleury Chris Page Gerry Gomez	UQTR Patriotes 1 1 goal, 2 assists 1 goal, 1 assist 1 goal, 1 assist

Wrestling

Feb. 16

@ AUS Championships in Fredericton

Martine Dugrenier	65 kg.	gold medal
Tamara Medwidsky	70 kg.	gold medal
Jason Chen	68 kg.	silver medal
Chris Chung	82 kg.	silver medal
Mark Roche	90 kg.	silver medal

Track and Field

Feb. 17 @ McGill Meet

Men's Results:	1000 metres	Marc Nisbit	2:35.90	2nd out of 13
		Warren Desouza	2:49.82	5th out of 13
	300 metres	Tom Balen	38.24	21st out of 44
		Malak Sedra	40.65	35th out of 44
	60 metres	Tom Balen	7.66	33rd out of 57
		TJ Casimir	7.71	38th out of 57
	High jump	Barry McLaughlin	1.80m	4th out of 7
	4x400 relay (Salerno, Desouza, Nisbet, Mitchell)		3:33.52	4th out of 7
Women's Results:	1000 metres	Kathleen Ogden	3:29.67	
		Laetitia Queroix	3:39.32	
	High Jump	Lucie Pierre Louis	1.55m	1st out of 15

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